

HOUSE BILL 2799
By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to possession of drug precursors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

39-17-434.

(a) It is an offense for a person to possess, whether acquired through theft or other means, any substance, with the intent to:

(1) Use such substance in the manufacture of a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance; or

(2) To knowingly convey such substance to another for use in the manufacture of a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance.

(b) In determining whether a particular substance is possessed with the intent required to violate subsections (a)(1) and (2), of this section, the court or other authority making such a determination shall, in addition to all other logically relevant factors, consider the following:

(1) Statements by the owner or anyone in control of the substances concerning its use;

(2) Prior convictions, if any, of the owner or of anyone in control of the substance for violation of any state or federal law relating to the sale or manufacture of controlled substances;

(3) Instructions or descriptive materials of any kind accompanying the substance or found in the owner or controlling person's possession concerning, explaining, or depicting its use;

(4) The manner in which the substance is displayed or offered for sale;

(5) The quantity and location of the substance considered in relation to the existence and scope of legitimate uses for the substances in the community; and

(6) Expert testimony concerning the substance's use.

(c) This section shall not apply where possession was by a person authorized by this part and title 53, chapter 11, parts 3 and 4 to dispense, prescribe, manufacture or possess the controlled substance in question.

(d) Violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring

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